

**Title:** The Art of Security: Human Security and Why China needs It

*Abstract:* China is a country in transition. After the Chinese Communist Party took control of the State apparatus in the middle of the XX century, China went from an unpredictable and rather turbulent country into a world's major economy by the beginning of the XXI century. But as regional fears arise over the modernization of the Chinese military and the country's apparent rise into the status of superpower, internal disgruntlement over the role of the CCP in policymaking, rampant pollution, ethnic tension and political corruption threaten to hit the leadership in what it desires the most: social stability. By using a Human Security perspective expunged from methodological contradictions, this thesis seeks to collect, describe and assess the risks of a wide range of vulnerabilities that threaten China's long-term aspirations, security imperatives, the leadership's legitimacy, the model of transition and, above all, the hopes of the population.

*Key-Words:* China; Human Security; Political Security; Environmental Security; Food Security; Societal Security